

## City of Lexington

The recent hatred, attacks, and outright lies that have been hurled my direction on Facebook by some citizens of this community are absolutely disgusting and I honestly believe do not represent the majority. I will address a number of those myself later tonight. However, I did not sign up for this mess. Or, possibly I did and just didn't realize how mean people could be. Either way it is no longer worth the battle.

In my first 12 months in office much was accomplished and the groundwork for many more great things has been laid. There has not been one single decision that I have made or encouraged the council to make that I regret. The timing of one decision in particular could have been better; I would have put that one off for 4 weeks if I had it to do over. Every decision made by either me or the City Council was made in the best interest of the City of Lexington.

There are 3 qualified and experienced City Administrator candidates who are still hoping to hear from this council. One of whom is from our area and has already agreed to take the position. I hope that the best decision in the interest of the City will be made in regards to this matter.

Several weeks ago my wife and I made the decision to move from Lexington. I have accepted an exciting job in another state and am looking forward to making the move. Our house will officially hit the market tomorrow and we will be moving in a matter of days.

To the Mayor Pro Tem, I have a meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week at 1:30 with our engineer and USDA here at City Hall. Our water plant financing package and grants package is to be presented and I am confident that City Hall, the Council, and the water customers will be pleased to see the numbers.

I have been, for several months, working with multiple interested parties for a plan to acquire the Wentworth campus. I will forward all correspondence in these matters to City Hall and I am hopeful and cautiously optimistic that an offer that the bank will accept is forthcoming. Fingers crossed...

To the hundreds who have, over the past few months, quietly expressed support for me through, texts, phone calls, and hand-written cards, THANK YOU, It has been very much appreciated. My family and I are leaving behind many good friends and I am sure that we will stay in touch. We wish the best for the City of Lexington.

I, Fred Wiedner, resign my position as the Mayor of the City of Lexington, effectively immediately.

5:00 pm 6/25/2019